

Allowable Subject Matter

1. Claims 1, 3-7, 9-15, 26, 28-33, 35-38, & 40 are allowed. The following is an Examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: Claims 1, 3-7, 9-15, 26, 28-33, 35-38, & 40 are considered allowable since no prior art reference or combination of prior art references disclose or suggest the combination of limitations specified in the independent claims including:

"segmenting at each CPE port the IP packets in the ingress traffic streams into asynchronous transport mode (ATM) adaption layer (AAL) cells having a fixed ATM address associated with the CPE port, wherein the AAL cells include either or both of the virtual private interface and virtual connection interface (VPI/VCI) ATM address generated form the IP addresses of the IP packets" in combination with other claim limitations as specified in claims 1 & 26.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

2. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to ROBERT WILSON whose telephone number is (571)272-3075. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F (8:00-4:30).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Dang Ton can be reached on 571/272-3171. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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